

St. John's Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2013

Present: Michelle Debord, Chair; Barbara Claypool, Vice Chair; Fr. Francis; Delores Boehm; Shane Smith; Walter Baldwin; Randy Watts; Mary Dore (Social Outreach Committee); Mary Ellen Watts (parishioner); and Ann Baldwin (Liturgy Committee)

The meeting was held at the home of Bob Guy/Michelle Guy Debord, and opened with a blessing, pot luck meal, and social time together.

The Gospel reading, Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14, was read by Shane Smith.

Mary Ellen Watts reported on a workshop she attended with Fr. Frances and Walter Baldwin. The meeting presented tips on how to manage meetings. She described the ELMO card, which stands for Enough, Let's Move On. She also described the "parking lot" theory, which states that when the subject moves off topic, or the subject needs to be discussed with a different group of individuals, the leader of the meeting can suggest that the topic be moved to the parking lot. She brought back materials to share from the meeting. Discussion followed.

The council discussed goals for the coming year. Everyone was asked to list on index cards three goals they would like to see for the coming year, and then the goals were discussed. The goals set for the coming fiscal year were:

1. Improved communications
2. Finances and budget
3. Increased participation
4. Catholics Come Home
5. Children/Youth Ministry
6. Visiting the Sick

Unfinished Business

Results of recent the yard sale/fund raising event were discussed. Proceeds were ear-marked for the purchase of new tables and chairs for the gathering space. A handout was distributed with proposed tables and chairs along with pricing, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Discussion followed. It is anticipated that the total cost would be \$3,317.00, and approximately \$2,900 was raised at the yard sale. It was proposed that the old tables be stored in the parish garage for use for yard sales or to let parishioners borrow.

New Business

Mr. Watts distributed a CD to everyone entitled, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" by Matthew Kelly. Typically, 7 percent of the parishioners account for 80 percent of donations and 70 percent of volunteer hours. Mr. Watts also distributed a handout entitled, "When 70% of Catholics don't go to church on Sunday, isn't it time someone did something?" a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Discussion followed.

The Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 15 at Hungry Mother Park. Discussion followed regarding having one mass with both the English and Spanish communities. It was recommended that we speak with bi-lingual parishioners who could help with communications between the English and Spanish communities in order to find out preferences. Discussion ensued.

A summary of the minutes will be placed in the next bulletin.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 08:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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